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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 9325

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, LA

SUBJECT: SITUATION REPORT: BAN HOU EI SAI

REF: VIENTIANE 9314

1. ALL AMERICANS IN BAN HOU EI SAI AND, APPARENTLY, ALL OTHER FOREIGNERS WISHING TO LEAVE WERE PERMITTED TO CROSS TO CHIANG KHONG, THAILAND, MORNING OF DECEMBER 30 AND ARE BEING AIRLIFTED TO VIENTIANE. PRELIMINARY TOTAL IS 43 PERSONS. FIRST GROUP ARRIVED VIENTIANE APPROX 1350 HOURS LOCAL AND REMAINDER WILL FOLLOW DURING COURSE OF AFTERNOON.

2. AMBASSADOR SAW MINISTER OF INTERIOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN AT  
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1100 DECEMBER 30 AND INFORMED HIM HE UNDERSTOOD ALL AMERICANS

WERE BEING EVACUATED FROM BAN HOUET SAI. AMBASSADOR SAID HE PLANNED TO SEND A SENIOR AID OFFICER TO BAN HOUET SAI WITH THE LOCAL PAYROLL WHO WOULD INVENTORY AID PROPERTY AND DETERMINE WHAT LOSSES HAD BEEN SUFFERED DURING THE OCCUPATION OF OUR FACILITIES BY REBEL FORCES. ONCE THIS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, WE MIGHT WELL MAKE A CLAIM AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT FOR RESTITUTION.

3. PHENG SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF HIS VISIT TO BAN HOUET SAI, HE WAS SATISFIED WITH THE ATTITUDE OF THE LEADERSHIP THERE AND HE BELIEVED THAT ALL CURRENT PROBLEMS HAD BEEN RESOLVED. THE ISSUE OF RIVER COMMUNICATIONS TO LUANG PRABANG HAD BEEN PASSED ON TO THE PATHET LAO. THE GOVERNMENT WOULD REMOVE THOSE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN OFFICIALS WHOSE PERFORMANCE HAD LED TO THE DIFFICULTY AND OTHERS WOULD BE SENT IN THEIR PLACE. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED WHETHER PLANS WERE BEING MADE FOR THE REMOVAL OF CORRUPT AND INCOMPETENT OFFICIALS IN OTHER CITIES IN ORDER TO AVOID A REPETITION OF BAN HOUET SAI AFFAIR. PHENG REPLIED THAT HE WAS VERY MINDFUL OF THIS PROBLEM AND THAT THERE WOULD BE IMMEDIATE CHANGES IN PAKSE AND THAKHEK.

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